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SUBJECT: FRANCO-SOVIET DISCUSSION OF BERLIN/EC ISSUES

REFS: (A) SECTO 32047; (B) MOSCOW 18543 NOTAL

1. THE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP (BOISSIEU) HAS PROVIDED AN ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW BETWEEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE LEUSSE AND GROMYKO ON BERLIN AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. BOISSIEU'S ACCOUNT DIFFERS FROM THAT GIVEN EMBASSY MOSCOW (REF B) ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF SUGGESTING THAT IT WAS DE LEUSSE RATHER THAN GROMYKO WHO RAISED THE ISSUE AND OF IMPLYING THAT GROMYKO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH DE LEUSSE'S REPLY.

2. IN A TRIPARTITE MEETING ON DECEMBER 13, BOISSIEU RECALLED THAT DE GUIRINGAUD HAD REFERRED AT THE QUADRIPARTITE DINNER TO THE DE LEUSSE-GROMYKO  
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DISCUSSION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BERLIN WITH A DIRECTLY ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (REF A, PARA 12). TO EXPLAIN DE GUIRINGAUD'S REMARK, BOISSIEU INFORMED THE US AND UK BONN GROUP REPS THAT THE FRENCH HAD RECEIVED THE LATEST SOVIET DEMARCHE ON DIRECT ELECTIONS ON NOVEMBER 17, THAT DE LEUSSE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEE

GROMYKO ON NOVEMBER 18, AND THAT HE DID SO ON NOVEMBER 19.

3. ACCORDING TO BOISSIEU'S ACCOUNT, DE LEUSSE TOLD GROMYKO HE ASSUMED THE SOVIET DEMARCHE OF NOVEMBER 17 WAS RELATED TO THE EC DECISION ON DIRECT ELECTIONS. THE FRENCH THOUGHT THE SOVIET CONCERN WAS EXAGGERATED. WHAT THE FRENCH DESIRED WAS TO IMPLEMENT THE ROME TREATY, NOT TO EXTEND TO BERLIN ACTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO BERLIN'S BEING GOVERNED BY OTHER THAN THE THREE POWERS. THE FRENCH POSITION, DE LEUSSE CONTINUED, WAS THAT THE EC SHOULD BE A CONFEDERATION IN WHICH EACH STATE KEPT ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY. IT WAS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT THE NINE HAD DECIDED THAT BERLIN COULD BE REPRESENTED IN THE DIRECTLY-ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BY REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE NOT ELECTED BUT DESIGNATED. THIS STEP WOULD NOT AFFECT THE STATUS OF THE FORMER GERMAN CAPITAL.

4. DE LEUSSE CONTINUED THAT THE FRENCH, LIKE THE SOVIETS, ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THE FRENCH WOULD ANSWER THE SOVIET STATEMENT, BUT HE WANTED TO TELL GROMYKO NOW THAT NOTHING WHICH HAD BEEN DECIDED BY THE NINE OR BY THE THREE ALLIES AFFECTED THE STATUS OF BERLIN.

5. GROMYKO REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT DE LEUSSE'S STATEMENT HAD ANSWERED THE CORE OF THE SOVIET POSITION AND THAT HE (GROMYKO) DID NOT NEED TO COME BACK TO THE MATTER. GROMYKO DID, HOWEVER, ASK ABOUT THE POWERS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPETENCES OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, STATING THAT THOSE WERE THE REAL QUESTIONS. DE LEUSSE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT A PROBLEM FOR TODAY, AND THAT IN ANY CASE THE ALLIES WOULD ENSURE THAT ANY DEVELOPMENTS WERE COMPATIBLE WITH BERLIN'S STATUS AND WITH THE QA.

6. TO GROMYKO'S REJOINDER THAT IF IT WAS NOT A PROBLEM FOR TODAY IT WOULD BE ONE FOR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, DE LEUSSE REPORTEDLY RESPONDED, "THIS WILL BE OUR PROBLEM AND NOT YOURS."  
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